



New students get acquainted at an Aug. 24 reception on the lawn of House One.

New students oriented to campus life

When Gallaudet's newest students arrived on campus Aug. 24, they found that there is a lot more to college than attending classes.

Altogether, 517 new students entered Gallaudet in this fall's undergraduate and School of Preparatory Studies programs. Kendall Green opened its gates to 202 new freshmen and 81 transfer students on Aug. 24; the 95 so-called "freps"—former preparatory students who are being promoted to freshman status—arrived a week later on Aug. 30. A total of 139 prep students arrived at the Northwest Campus on Aug. 22; among them were 12 transfer students.

Arriving freshmen and transfer students at Kendall Green were required to register in the Ely Center Multipurpose Room, pick up a student identification card, and obtain a post office box number. Students were also bombarded with information on

obtaining computer accounts, and provided with the latest in assistive technology from Nationwide Flashing Signal Systems, Inc.

The students also learned about Multicultural Student Programs, the Department of Athletics' Intramural programs, and services offered by the Office of Campus Ministries.

Almost before the freshmen and transfer students finished unpacking, a welcoming convocation was held in Elstad Auditorium Aug. 24, followed by a reception at House One, a barbecue at the cafeteria, and a discussion of dorm policies and procedures. Incoming preparatory students arrived two days earlier, on Aug. 22, and had their own welcoming program in the evening.

Students spent the first week of orientation on both campuses taking placement tests to determine which classes would be most appropriate for them. This week, students will find out how well they did—and how many semesters of English, algebra, or geometry they will have to take before graduation. When they're not busy taking tests, students are attending meetings with academic advisors and other Gallaudet staff and faculty to make them aware of academic programs and services offered by the University.

At the Northwest Campus, students in the School of Preparatory Studies are kept busy, but the benefits they gain from NSO are many, said Cynthia Edwards, an assistant professor of English at Northwest Campus and coordinator of NSO there. "Students get a good feel for our program and services," she said. "It is my goal and my hope that the students have plenty of information in order for them to start the academic year successfully."

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Convocation held for new students

Elstad Auditorium was almost full Aug. 24 as new students, their parents, and family friends gathered for Convocation, the annual event where upperclass students and administrators officially welcome new students.

"You will find everything you need here for a successful university education," President I. King Jordan told the new students. "But you have to succeed yourself." Jordan added that the students would face many challenges in the next four years, not the least of which might be loneliness. "I often felt very lonely in my first few weeks," Jordan said of his time as a new Gallaudet student in the 1960s. "Please ask for help. Don't try to be one individual doing everything yourself," he said.

Jordan's message that Gallaudet students, faculty, and staff are here to help them became more apparent as the 30-minute program progressed with Vice President for Academic Affairs Rosalyn Rosen, Vice President for Academic Support and Student Development Howard Busby, Director of Admissions Deborah DeStefano, and Student Body Government President Jon Kovacs all speaking on that theme.

Norma Buemi, who as coordinator of orientation programs pulls together the entire two-week New Student Orientation program each year, then introduced the peer advisors, upperclass students who live in the freshman dormitories to plan evening and weekend activities for the freshman and to help them with the hurdles of college life.

The last group Buemi introduced, NSO's student team leaders, reiterated Jordan's message using a rhythmic, rap-style sign jingle to tell students that they are always on-hand to help new students face the challenges of NSO tests and college studies and to help them build a happy out-of-class college life.

But it seemed that before the 4 p.m. Convocation started, and definitely by the time the crowd adjourned for a reception at House One, and a barbecue at the Cafeteria, parents were convinced that they were leaving their newly adult children in good hands.

"You have a wonderful program here with the group leaders," said Don Graegin, a parent from Texas. "When I went to college, there were no group leaders. You were expected to handle it all on your own."

The tone set at Convocation—that students should reach out to upper-class students and other new students to help each other—also was very different, said Graegin. At a welcoming ceremony when he was a college freshman, he said, they were told to look at the students sitting next to them, and told that at least one of them would not graduate.

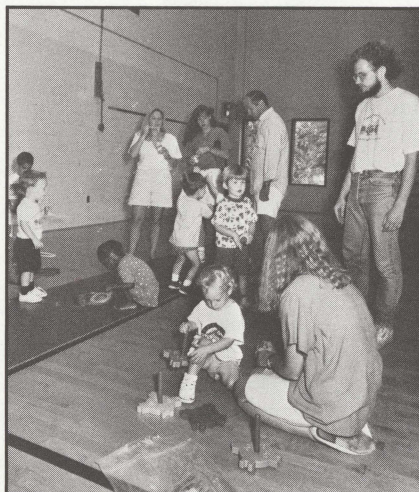
Graegin and other parents said that while Arrival Day had been hectic and involved waiting in lines to complete check-in activities such as getting students' room keys and I.D. cards, that everything had gone quite smoothly and that staff and student-workers alike were all very helpful.

Another parent, Barbara Caudill of Wilmington, Del., whose daughter, Krista, is deaf and blind and is one of 50 students to receive a President's New Student Scholarship Award, also felt reassured. "It's hard for me because Krista is my only child, so it is difficult for me having her leave home. But when we came here, there was an interpreter waiting for her, and everyone's been really helpful, so I feel better about leaving her."

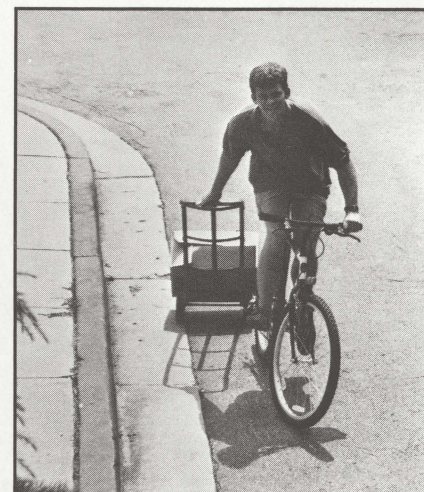
Many parents planned to stay through the next day, Aug. 25, for Parent Orientation, which included a welcome and presentations about eight Gallaudet departments and the services they offer students, before heading home.



President Jordan and his wife, Linda, greet new student Krista Caudill on arrival day.



Left: The Child Development Center marks the end of the summer with Parents' Day. Right: A new student finds a creative approach to moving into his dorm.





SignRise Cultural Arts is performing "Institution Blues," a play about the influence of residential schools on deaf culture, in September and October at area locations. The play will be at Gallaudet Sept. 17-19. For more information, call (301) 585-1647 (TTY).

Faculty present papers on bilingualism

Two Gallaudet faculty members were the only Americans invited to present papers at the International Conference on Bilingualism in Deaf Education Aug. 16-20 in Stockholm, Sweden.

The Swedish National Association of the Deaf and Stockholm University organized the conference at the request of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) with support from the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The purpose of the conference was to disseminate knowledge about language—signed languages in particular—and bilingualism to those outside of academic circles.

Dr. Yrker Andersson, WFD president, coordinator of the newly established American Sign Language and Deaf Studies Program at Gallaudet, and a professor in the University's Department of Sociology, presented a paper entitled "Deaf People: A Linguistic Minority" on human rights and linguistic minorities.

Shawn Davies, managing editor in the Department of Curriculum and Evaluation at Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, presented a paper called "Attributes for Success: Attitudes and Practices that Facilitate the Transition to Bilingual Education."

Davies' paper is based on a study she conducted in Sweden for four months in 1990, another study conducted in Denmark in 1992 with educators who had been implementing bilingual practices for 12 years, and insights based on contacts with schools in the United States that are moving in the direction of bilingualism.

The conference was aimed at representatives of national associations of the deaf in and outside the WFD and authorities responsible for the education of deaf students. Since registration exceeded 300, priority was given to representatives of organizations in decision-making roles. According to Davies, the 360 people who attended the conference equally represented the deaf and hearing communities.

New students welcomed

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NSO also provides students with a variety of ice-breaking activities. Included are a trip to Kings Dominion and a pool party. Students at Northwest Campus attended "Deaf Oprah," hosted by Coordinator of Student Activities Evon Black, in which panelists shared their backgrounds, their experiences at Gallaudet, and how they felt about being prep students. Students also participated in a tour of Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28.

At least one new University student, however, wasn't fazed by her activity-packed calendar. "It's a good way to keep me busy," said incoming transfer student Michelle Reagan the first time she saw the NSO schedule. "I get bored too easily."

Terry Giansanti was also sure he'd enjoy NSO. "I'll make new friends before school starts, so it's nice," he said. After spending all his elementary and secondary school education enrolled in Gallaudet's Pre-College Programs, and growing up with two Gallaudet faculty members at home, however, Gallaudet is old hat for him. Giansanti said he is confident he'll do well as a student. "I think this will be one of the best times of my life," he said.

Other students interviewed who are new to Gallaudet were a bit apprehensive. Tammina Reason confessed that she was "very nervous," and that she isn't sure if she'll stay at Gallaudet. Regardless, she hopes to get something out of her experience here. "I'll be meeting new people and learning more about the deaf world," she said.

Regina Hughes, Class of '18, dies

Regina Olson Hughes ('18), who at 98 was possibly Gallaudet's oldest living alumna, died Aug. 12 in her Washington, D.C., home of a cardiovascular disorder. She and her late husband, Dr. Frederick Hughes, a popular drama professor and football coach for whom Hughes Gymnasium is named, lived in House Two for 30 years. A memorial service will be held Sept. 14 at 4 p.m. in Chapel Hall.

As a botanical illustrator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Regina Hughes produced thousands of highly accurate and detailed illustrations of plants. Many of these are in use today in books such as *Common Weeds of the U.S.* by Dover Press. One USDA handbook alone, *Economically Important Foreign Weeds: Potential Problems in the United States*, contains more than 6,000 of her drawings. In 1962, Hughes received the department's Superior Service Award for botanical illustration and technical translation.

Today, her drawings are part of the permanent collection of the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation at Carnegie-Mellon University and the Smithsonian Institution, the Gallaudet University collection, and many private collections.

In 1967, Gallaudet awarded Hughes the honorary doctor of humane letters degree, and in 1970 the Phi Kappa Zeta Sorority named her "Woman of the Year."

Correction

Artist Lee Ivey received her B.A. degree from Gallaudet in 1992, not 1993 as reported in *On the Green* on Aug. 16.

In 1981, the Gallaudet University Alumni Association gave her the Amos Kendall Award for excellence in a field not related to deafness.

Hughes received accolades from other institutions as well. The Smithsonian Institution, where she was a resident scientific illustrator after retiring from USDA in 1969, named a new species of Bromeliad after her in 1979—*Billbergia regina*. Hughes also won acclaim for her watercolors of plants, especially orchids.

Prior to her career as a scientific illustrator, Hughes worked at the State Department during World War I as a translator. Although she lost her hearing gradually between age 10 and 14, she was fluent in French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian. She has no immediate survivors.



Regina Olson Hughes

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